Year	Production
1997-98	3.68 (advance estimates)
1998-99	4.45 (rough estimates)

(SOURCE : Ministry of Agriculture, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation)

No reliable estimates of demand of onions are available.

(d) The value of exports of onion during 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value
1995-96	230.72
1996-97	265.21
1997-98*	202.45
1998-99* (April '98 — Aug. '98)	117.22

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta *Provisional)

Performance of Exports in Different Sectors

778. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how far exports in different sectors have picked up since the package to kick-start stalled exports was declared on August 5, 1998 indicating the sector-wise performance, month to month and the comparative figures for the preceding six months;

(b) what is the overall assessment of export performance with respect to different global markets and major countries importing Indian goods; and

(c) how far the package has proved successful in preventing the adverse impact of the sanctions imposed by the 'G8' countries in the aftermath of N-Tests conducted by India and Pakistan in May, '98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Sector-wise performance for the months before and after the package was announced is enclosed statement-I (*see* below). Details of commodity-wise exports quantity and value are available in the monthly and annual publications of the statistics published by DGCI&S, Calcutta, which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) Our exports to major regions of the world for April-August, 1998 is enclosed at statement-II (*see* below).

(c) It is too early to judge the impact of the package announced in August. No. major impact on merchandise trade has been felt on account of sanctions so far.

Statement-I

Sectoral Performance after the announcement of the Scheme to resurrect export trade. (Rate of growth over the corresponding period for 1997)

Major Sector	Growth			
	April—June 98		April—August 98	
	(US$)	(Rupees)	(US$)	(Rupees)
1. Plantation	13.61	29.40	22.49	42.01
2. Agri & allied	-15.54	-3.80	-1.05	14.72
3. Marine products	-6.36	6.65	6.14	23.06

Major Sector	Growth			
	April—June 98		April—August 98	
	(US$)	(Rupees)	(US$)	(Rupees)
4. Ores & minerals	-37.12	-28.38	-29.72	-18.52
5. Leathers & mirs.	-12.61	-0.47	-5.25	9.85
6. Gems & Jewellery	17.65	34.01	15.95	34.43
7. Chemical & related products	-9.71	2.84	-3.58	11.79
8. Engineering goods	-11.78	0.48	-15.27	-1.76
9. Electronic goods	-60.37	-54.86	-34.19	-23.71
10. Textiles	-17.29	-5.79	-7.55	7.19
TOTAL	-8.04	4.75	-1.98	13.64

Statement-II

Exports by Major Regions and Countries: April—August, 1998-99

Countries/Regions	*US $ Million*	
	Apr—Aug. 1998-99	*Percentage Growth*
1. WEST EUROPE	3798.63	−4.07
(a) ECM Countries	3431.94	−3.23
Belgium	542.71	27.83
FRG	720.96	−10.15
United Kingdom	731.85	−17.40
II. ASIA AND OCEANIA	4517.90	−14.32
Hongkong	694.68	−17.36
Japan	647.68	−16.26
United Arab Emirates	681.27	26.93
III. AFRICA	797.06	12.60
IV. AMERICA	3514.29	10.67
(a) North America	3231.00	10.71
U.S.A.	3034.71	10.56
(b) South America	187.74	4.24
V. EAST EUROPE	476.05	5.69
Russia	323.43	−0.45
GRAND TOTAL	13498.29	−1.98

SOURCE: DGCI&S Calcutta